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### **LESSON ONE:**

Peace Is Proclaimed By The Providence of God

<u>Introduction</u>: During this time of the year the world is singing songs of "Peace on Earth." While we may be skeptical about peace on Earth, what hinders us from getting on board with this vision? What's wrong with singing about peace, joy, and love? In this lesson today, we will consider how peace is proclaimed by the providence of God. Let's study together....

#### **Discussion**:

- I. THROUGH GOD'S PROVIDENCE PEACE IS PERMITTED
  Genesis 15:15, Numbers 6:24-26, Psalm 29:11
- II. THROUGH GOD'S PROVIDENCE PEACE IS PROVIDED
  Psalm 147:14, Proverbs 3:1-2, Proverbs 16:7
- III. THROUGH GOD'S PROVIDENCE PEACE IS PRESENTED John 14:27, John 16:33, Matthew 5:9, Romans 15:33
- IV. THROUGH GOD'S PROVIDENCE PEACE IS PURSUED
  Psalm 34:14, I Peter 3:11, Hebrews 12:14, James 3:18
- V. THROUGH GOD'S PROVIDENCE PEACE IS PROCLAIMED Mark 4:39, Exodus 14:13-14, Galatians 5:22-23

<u>Conclusion</u>: Do you know the Prince of Peace? He came to this Earth to bring peace. He came to calm storms, quiet chaos, and comfort souls. He came to show love, bring joy, and then, He died to bring everlasting peace. Will you accept Him as your Savior? Will you abandon your old life and walk in peace with Him? Will you allow His precious blood cleanse you in baptism? Will you continue to bear the fruit of peace in your life? Let's live peacefully and proclaim peace to the world!



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### **LESSON TWO:**

Peace Is Proclaimed In The Psalms of God

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#### **Discussion**:

- I. THE PSALMS DECLARE THE ABUNDANCE OF PEACE Psalm 37:11, Psalm 37:37, Psalm 72:7, Psalm 4:8
- II. THE PSALMS DECLARE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PEACE
  Psalm 85:8, Psalm 29:11, Psalm 119:165
- III. THE PSALMS DECLARE THE AFFECTION OF PEACE
  Psalm 85:10, Psalm 122:6-9, Psalm 72:3-4
- IV. THE PSALMS DECLARE THE ASSOCIATION OF PEACE
  Psalm 28:3, Psalm 120:6-7, Psalm 55:18
- V. THE PSALMS DECLARE THE ASPIRATION FOR PEACE Psalm 125:5, Psalm 128:6, Psalm 34:14

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### **LESSON THREE:**

Peace Is Proclaimed By The Prophets of God

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#### **Discussion**:

- I. THE PROPHETS REVEAL THE PRINCE OF PEACE Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 28:9, Micah 5:5
- II. THE PROPHETS REVEAL THE PATH FOR PEACE Isaiah 26:3, Haggai 2:9, Zechariah 6:13
- III. THE PROPHETS REVEAL THE PROTECTION OF PEACE Isaiah 48:18, 22, Isaiah 57:21, Ezekiel 34:25, Ezekiel 37:26
- IV. THE PROPHETS REVEAL THE PURPOSE OF PEACE Isaiah 52:7, Isaiah 66:12-13, Jeremiah 29:7, 11
- V. THE PROPHETS REVEAL THE PRICE FOR PEACE Isaiah 53:5, Isaiah 54:10, 13, Malachi 2:5-6

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LESSON FOUR:

Peace Is Proclaimed By The People of God

<u>Introduction</u>: During this time of the year the world is singing songs of "Peace on Earth." Christmas may be over, but the songs are still playing on the radio. While we may be skeptical about peace on Earth, what hinders us from getting on board with this vision? What's wrong with singing about peace, joy, and love? In this lesson today, we will consider how peace is proclaimed by the people of God. Let's study together....

#### Discussion:

- I. THE PEOPLE OF GOD INITIATE PEACE
  Romans 5:1-5, Colossians 1:19-20, Isaiah 9:6-7, Acts 10:36, John 14:27
- II. THE PEOPLE OF GOD PRODUCE PEACE
  Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 5:1-11, Romans 8:1-17
- III. THE PEOPLE OF GOD KEEP PEACE
  Luke 15:8-10, Ephesians 2:11-22, Philippians 4:6-7
- IV. THE PEOPLE OF GOD EMBRACE PEACE
  I Corinthians 14:33, Matthew 5:9, Philippians 4:8-9, Colossians 3:15, Isaiah 26:3
- V. THE PEOPLE OF GOD LIVE PEACE
  I Thessalonians 5:23-24, Psalm 119:165, John 17, I Corinthians 1:10,
  Ephesians 4:3, Ephesians 5:21-33, Ephesians 6:1-4, I Peter 3:8-9

Conclusion: As we close this lesson, I remind you that the Prince of Peace, the Savior of the world, the Messiah is Jesus the Christ. He came to this Earth to bring peace, not just for humanity, but He came to bring peace into your life. He came to calm your storms, quiet your chaos, and comfort your soul. He came to show you love and bring you joy. Then, He died to bring you everlasting peace. Let me read for you some final thoughts from Paul's letter to the Romans that puts this into perspective (Romans 12:18, 14:16-19, 15:13, 15:33, 16:20). Do you want this kind of peace? Are you ready to let the God of peace fight your battles for you? Will you accept Jesus, the Prince of Peace, as your Savior? Will you abandon your old life and walk in peace with Him? Will you allow His precious blood cleanse you in baptism? Will you continue to bear the fruit of peace in your life? Let's live peacefully and proclaim peace to the world!